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THE BRANCH PUBLIC BATHS. The formal opening of the Branch

Public Baths on Saturday is a municipal and still say that the relation of mu- of property and the bad example set nicipally-owned bath-houses to public by others. health has long been recognized. Liverpool had such an establishment

nerself in line with the more progres- city as a whole. of the country, is, therefore, a matter for general felicitation. The new bathbaths, here decided affirmatively, is on the whole community. one that has been much discussed in very class which the bath-houses are rice towds to stiffe. Expesystem is more advantageous. Meantime, the baths are to be in active operation within the week, and the city is to be congratulated upon the acquisition of so valuable an asset,

THE STRAIGHT REPUBLICAN AR-

The "common sense;" which the esteemed Petersburg Index-Appeal urges its tariff critics to mix with their arguments, seems to be, by its more common name, the straight Republican doctrine. Preternaturally acute vision. it may be, could detect differences between the Index-Appeal's line of reasoning and that made familiar by Republican spokesmen on the stump and balks at the delicate task.

Alone among those Virginia newspapers which have lately developed a strong protective sentiment in behalf of home producers, the index-Appeal frankly discards the usual justification that the vegdet at the polls has made this for the time's and for Democratis and Republicans allke, an all-protection country. As to the industry in which its community is more particularly interested, our Potoreburg neighbor booldly demands protection, not on the ground that other products are getting it, and peanuts might as well have their share, but on the ground that the government-aided peanut is in itself the good, wise and proper thing. Virginia peanuts need protection, it says, and they always will, no matter what party is in power. And, by excerpts from Thomas Jefferson and the St. Louis platform of 1888, it proves to its own satisfaction that protection of the kind it now demands is soundly consistent with Democratic for remind our able and well-informed neighbor that in founding its tariff position upon the home market and between the position upon the home market and between the lands which should have the central position upon the home market and between the lands which should nave the remarkable part of this statement is that lands which should have been or educational, and all the whole in the respective form themes southern part of Maryland, and from thence behing the Blue Ridge to examine the land, but the red soil that the government-aided peanut is in itself the good, wise and proper thing. Virginia peanuts need protection, it says, and they always will, no matter what party is in power. And, by excerpts from Thomas Jefferson and the St. Louis platform of 1888, it proves to its own satisfaction that protection of the kind it now demands is soundly consistent with Democratic for remind our able and well-informed meighbor that in founding its tariff position upon the home market and between the province of the land will be more congonial to the constitution of a native of Great Britain or Iroland.

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The Cimes Dispoich a cut in the duties. With rare excep- phia is only \$24,464, while the average tions, the high protectionists must per acre for Richmond is \$25,884. It naich whether the Index-Appeal can us say, of the wool or hide industry, the historic tariff position of the Republican party is altogether the right

building of this city for the last twenty-five years, and urged that some the extraordinary improvement that steps be taken to save Richmond from Virginia has made in the last few The Difference. further congestion. Other cities have light and sir around their houses, and it is a very simple problem for Richmond to follow their example and for the citizens of this city to get the in-

make no mention of classical times, when religious theories or predictions home-owners to crowd their houses to- the last four years than any other for luxury tended to obscure the pure- so closely are the high price State of like size in the history of Mr. Brown ly sanitary aspects of the bath, gether so closely are the high price

We believe that the greatest change could be wrought in these conditions The fact that Boletourt is the greatnearly seventy years ago. Every by reducing, if it is not constitutionally porough in Great Britain with a popu- possible to remove, all city taxes on a many smaller centres, has its public feet on each side of a dwelling, which Merely on its merits the plan was used for light and air spaces. A has spread rapidly since the first ten- man could then afford to buy a lot of this country, it is true, the first modern the centre and only pay taxes on thirty railroad, was at one time on the line public bath-house, that at Yonkers, feet. This would not reduce the city's of the James River and Kanawha N. Y., is hardly twelve years old. But income, because as many houses would Canal, and had as great a future benow half a hundred cities have them, be built on sixty-foot lots as are now and one State at least has a law com- built on thirty-foot lots, but it would pelling the erection of bath-houses in add incalculably to the happiness and Virginia. The invention of the railall cities of more than 50,000 popula- health of the whole community. It would do more-it would establish a public sense of civic beauty that would side-tracked, but no matter what which has enabled Richmond to put inevitably and speedily react upon the

We do not look for any bettermen of conditions in districts east of Lomhouse is so located as to bring it in convenient reach of portions of the city not always well supplied with bathing facilities. It should do much by simply encouraging the people to to stimulate habits of cleanliness which, preserve for themselves light and air. in the light of experience elsewhere, can If the Council wishes to carry out such ardly fall to result in the improved a reform we are satisfied that it can health of the community. The quest find the means to do so, and it will tion of charging a fee for the use of confer a profound and lasting benefit

In 1795 a certain Isaac Weld, who afterwards became famous as the vicethe contention that the payment of president and topographer of the Lifes encourages a self-respect which Royal Dublin Society, visited America and wrote an account of his exience will teach as whether, for our periences. A condensation of his reparticular needs, the charge or the markable book of travels was printed in The Times-Dispatch of last Sunday, and as it contains some extraordinarily acute and interesting observations we are led to refer to it again.

It seems that Isaac Weld traveled

along the Blue Ridge from Pennsylvania to Botetourt, and made notes of his travels with an acumen and judgment that time has thoroughly just! fied. After describing the character of the soil, the hospitality of the people, the salubrity of the climate and the prosperity of the farmers, he says Beyond the Blue Ridge, after cross ing by this route near the Peaks of till I drew near to Fincastle, in Botetourt county. This town was only in the Moure. But the ordinary eye begun about the houses, and is ready contains sixty houses, and is most rapidly increasing. The improve-Alone among those Virginia news-

position upon the home market and labor cost arguments, and in ignoring the use of the taxing power in behalf of the few, it is, in fact, assuming a point of view the reverse of Design erail. Such reminders should be more aupertions than ever year just he more aupertions than ever just now in that the Harrisonburg Times, and delity of the Petersburg paper is evident accounting to convert the point of view to rever the point of the Petersburg paper is evident accounting to the point of view to the view of the view to the view of the view to the view of the view to the vi should to-day be so far outstripped

stand or fall together. We doubt very it not, therefore, city property alone which has raised the average so much higher. It is because the farming lands of Pennsylvania are under higher cultivation; their roads are better; their population is greater; their demand for farm products is higher, and mand for farm products is higher, and they have not been exposed to long, higher. It is because the farming

average valuation under \$20. In Vir-A SUGGESTION FOR MORE AIR SPACES.

Yesterday The Times-Dispatch discussed that tendency to crowd houses and there are two counties in Virginia together which has so marked the with an average valuation of under

This statement, however, in view of years, has in it nothing of discouragement or distress for the Old Dominion.
The fact that Virginia lands are cheap our my services."—Boston Transcript, shows the great reward that will be Hospitable. gained by those who buy them and creased health and happiness that are bound to follow such methods of building. The two causes that have led ing. The two causes that have led America snows what this State can and will be when she turns her enerest canning county in the world Compensation. est canning county in the world shows that though it has been late in starting it will none the less certainly reach the development that was ultimately foreseen for it by Isaac Weld guest books?—Brooklyn Life. timately foreseen for it by Isaac Weld a century ago.

Buchanan, in Botetourt county, which is now not even touched by a railroad, was at one time on the line of the James River and Kanawha Conel and had no reserve to feether the state of the Buchanan, in Botetourt county, fore it, under the system of transporroad, however, changed the course of traffic, and Buchanan was temporarily News. methods of transportation are developed it is not within the range of human possibility that the climate will ever be changed or that the natural advantages of Botetourt, will eve be taken from it, and what is true of Botetourt is in a large measure

true of the whole State of Virginia.
The Old Dominion has been a long time coming mito her own, but she is coming and coming with a rapidity and a security that can leave no ground for doubt that the opportunities for gain and prosperity offered by Virginia are not surpassed by any other State in the Union.

The French government has awarded the French equivalent of a Carnegie medal to Operator Jack Binns. And done it with no condition that Jack shall raise another medal of equal value, either.

by that the word "public," as applied to the Branch Public Baths, means mply "open to the public," and is it used in the result. simply "open to the public," and is not used in the sense which has made him so nervous.

When the Cubans have nothing else to quarrel about, they stroll out and quarrel for about an hour.

On this delightful Monday morning, we cannot forbear to remark that of all the months known to the calendarie art there are only eleven that are superior to the February of Old Virginia.

January went out like an feicle.

the proposed reorganization is going to include Hobson of

NORTH CAROLINA'S JUDGES.

Criticism Helps These Hard-Working

ELIOT.

Borrowed Jingles

tedious, painful and distressible to long, tedious, painful and distressible to the second the war.

In Pennsylvania there are only seven counties with an average valuation of under \$50, and only four with an

cannot wear the old clothes.
I need a whole new rig;
I need a whole new rig;
I need a whole new rig;
I do not care a rig.
I'll have a narrow, clinging skirt.
With knickers underneath;
cannot wear the old clothes—
I've got to have a sheath!
—Carolyn Wells, in Saturday Evening Post.

MERELY JOKING.

Mr. Brown-How old are the twins?
Mr. Smith-Two years.
Mr. Brown-I thought they were born only a year ago?
Mr. Smith-You're right; but there are two of them.-Judge.

Signs of Improvement.

Will Find You Out.

tation then developed, as any city in behest, but how is a man to know him-

SHOTS FROM THE PARAGRAPHERS.

Condress is mad because it lost its collar-button under the corporation bureau and Teddy found it.—Atlanta Constitution. . . .

The editor of the Congressional Record sends his compliments to Representative Willett and regrets, that while rejection limities no lack of literary merit, etc., etc., New York Mail.

Europeans who have regretted that this country has no privileged class might new take a look at well-to-do murderers in New York State,—New York Evening Post,

Having knocked out the suggested appropriation of \$12,000 for White House automobiles, the cruel Senate probably believes that it has a horse on Tatt.—St. Louis Times.

"Si Cimex Lectulanius Sim" is the impressive heading of a poem in a recent issue of the Charlotte Observer, The Observer need not think; it can muddy the centroversial waters in that fashion.—Washington Herald.

Few of us are interested in those famous pavements made of good intentions, as we do not expect to go there, anyhow,—Chicage News,

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The present population of Pekin, ex-dusive of the suburbs (but they are un-mportant), is given as 693,044 persons, Zinc coffins are largely used in Vienna. The more expensive coffins are made of opper, costing from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

The differenth son in the differenth year has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Roller, in Noble township. Cass county, Indiana. Of modern languages taught in the schools Russian is considered the most difficult, German next, French third and Spanish is perhaps fourth. Ambassador D. E. Thompson sends from

mg icans for agricultural purposes.
Yaiu River timber is to be exploited by a Chinese-Japanese company, with two nutragers, due or whom, and all laborers employed by the company in felling and movering timber, including the rafting of logs, must be Chinese.

"Every man," says Governor Stubbs, of Kansas, "ought to read his Bible, his band and his newspaper without assist-ance."

It is said that little Princess Mary, the only daugnter of the Prince of Wales, will be sent to a girls' school, as her moth-or believes that girls together are happier and their work bever,

and their work better.

Mrs. James B. McKinney, who is a grandmorner, and wnose husband was for many years a goard at the indiana Reformatory and died about a year ago, will teach in the Terre Hauto schools this year. teach in the Torre Haute schools this year, The will of John V. Farwell, ploneer merchant and philanthropist, of Chicago, disposes of an estate of \$1,775,000, equally among his five children. The Moody Bible Institute, in which Mr. Moody toole a deep interest, receives an annuity of \$2,000 for ten years.

Hon, John Sinclair, who has been secretary for Scotland since 1905, has just been raised to the pecrage, Ills elevation is due to Premier Asquitin's desire to have a member of the Cabinet Intimately connected with Scotland in the upper house,

"EXPERT" TESTIMONY.

New York Will Meet It with State
Experts.
The farce and scandal of "experts,"
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A joint committee of the State Medical Society and the State Bar Association has reported in favor of a law which will authorize the appellate divisions of the Supreme Court to appoint not less than ten nor more than sixty physicians in each judicial district, who shall act as experts for the State in cases in which medical knowledge is needed. These experts should be paid by the county, like the other expenses of the trial.

A bill of that sort, bearing the indorsement of both professions, ought to be sent to the Legislature and passed. The law probably could not prevent a man on trial for his life from calling any witnesses he pleased, medical or other, but once establish official experts who have no monetary interest in the outcome of a trial and the testimony of the expert who testifies in favor of the men who pay him will stand small chance with a jury. When the partisan expert contradicts the judicial one the testimony of the former will be of so little value that the employment of such witnesses for hire will quickly case. The passing of that brood would relieve our criminal trials of one of their gravest scandals and tend to establish that respect for the administration of law which has been shaken by several phases of our criminal practice, among which this is one of the most vicious.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The Courts

of Europe

By La Marquise de Fontenov.

Secret Marriages Among Ducal Families.

To the rare cases of secret marriage with the second grant with the significant of the second grant with the second grant there are to adopt the precent of the marriage with him a month later in her recent obtinuing. The marriage with him a month later in her recent obtinuing a state of the with the second grant with the second grant with the second grant the second grant of the second grant grant of the second grant of the second grant grant of the second grant grant of the second grant gran

theres, was one of the wittesses. The beforegroom's man the before as "Beneer Churchilli," and the bride's as "Beneer Churchilli," and the bride's as "Beneer Churchilli, formerly Lily Warren Speneer Churchilli, formerly Lily Warren Speneer Churchilli, formerly Lily Warren Mamersley, widow," while under the head of "Condition," the contracting price as "divorcid" and as "widow," but as having been "previously married at the Cilly Highle of the provious marriage had really been invalid in the provious marriage had really been invalid in fifeuity. The bride was set down in the "daughter of Clero di her age as "thirty," while that of the duke was recorded as being "forty-four."

The most profound secrecy was observed about the proceedings, and no intimation of the public otherwise attention would have been drawn to the strange coincidence that the very same week marked an equally secremarriage in London, namely, that of the Warsen and the public otherwise attention would have been drawn to the strange coincidence in the very same week marked an equally secremarriage in London, namely, that of the Warsen and the most advanced of Republicans, who will be the reddent of Revolutionists, and the most advanced of Republicans, who, moreover, contributed more than any other one man to the overthrow of the profile of the province of the public of the

dreamt that he would in also data become a devout son of the church, at which he was accustomed to scoff and the noble women of Richmond and which he was accustomed to scoff and the noble women of Richmond and which he was accustomed to scoff and the noble women of Richmond and which he was accustomed to scoff and the noble women of Richmond and he South.

Dr. Edwin A. Alderman is recently because the second of the second council of the second of

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fully and obediently followed them was the solace, the pride and the inwas the solace, the pride and the inspiration of the Southern seeple in the midst of the ruin which confronted them after the war was over. These memories, handed down to our descendants, will be the history of their ancestors; so it is our duty to preserve them faithfully and truthfully. Miss Boyson is in error when she says that "General Lee had to struggle with ignorant and inferior assistants, who often misunderstood his orders and often made his faith in them a closic often made his faith in them a crown often made his faith in them a crown for carrying out their own designs."

No commander ever had more able, loyal and devoted subordinate officers and soldiers than Lee had. While Washington had his Benedict Arnold, his Gates and his Charles Lee, and Napoleon had his Bernadotte and his Murat, R. E. Lee had his Stonewall Jackson, his J. E. B. Stuart, his A. P. Hill and his Jubal Early. General Lee's nature and life were so pure and Lee's nature and life were so pure and noble that only one who studies his biographies can do him full justice. He was so far above the ordinary mortal that Miss Boyson doubts what is told of him. It has not been her fortune to meet with his equal, and her standard is not high enough to reach him. She tells us that "Lee is fast coming to take his place side by side with Lincoln." One (and perhaps many) of the United Daughters of the Confederacy objects to Miss Boyson's taking Lee down from the pedestal upon which the world has placed him. upon which the world has placed him, the first man of his day, and putting him beside her here. Lincoln. In the spring of 1861 Lincoln failed to keep "faith as to Sunter," and so "war was declared against the Confederacy." Emperor threatened to recognize the Confederate States unless Butler were Then Lincoln removed him. General Lee was always the protector of the weak. Again, Miss Boyson says that Lee differed only from Washing-ton in choosing the wrong side. The difference between them was that

out with a revolver, a sentiment which was applauded.

It is only fair to add that none of the leaders of the French aristocracy was present, none, in fact, of the more reputable element of the Royalist party, the men who have landed and other wested interests in the country. The meeting was composed of the advanced wing, the militant section, indeed, of the Royalists: men, for the most part, who have little to lose and everything to gain by any overthrow of the government, and by a revolution of the existing order of things.

The meeting was not of any particular importance, and its only inferesting feature was the presence of Henri Rochefort in the chair. Certainly no one who knew him as one of the leaders of the Paris Commune in 1871, in connection with which he was condemned to death, his sentence being and of being reported to have wired from New York and a champion of the monarchy, which he deriede. Rochefort is, of course, and a champion of the monarchy, which he decided. Rochefort is, of course, and a champion of the monarchy, which he decided. Rochefort is, of course, and a champion of the monarchy, which he decided. Rochefort is, of course, and a champion of the monarchy, which he decided. Rochefort is, of course, and a champion of the monarchy which he decided. Rochefort is, of course, and a champion of the monarchy which he decided. Rochefort is, of course, and a champion of the monarchy which he decided. Rochefort is, of course, and a champion of the monarchy which he decided. Rochefort is, of course, and a champion of the monarchy which he decided. Rochefort is, of course, and a champion of the monarchy which he decided. Rochefort is, of course, and a champion of the monarchy which he decided. Rochefort is, of course, and a champion of the monarchy which he decided. Rochefort is, of course, and a champion of the monarchy which he decided. Rochefort is, of course, and a champion of the monarchy which he decided. Rochefort is, of course, and a champion of the monarchy which he decided. Rochefort is,

Ressevelt, Jesserson and Accop.
Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—In reading your recent editorial
on character and culumny, I have been
reminded of Accop's fable of the bear
and the wild ass. As Accop tells the
story, the wild ass one day espica a
great boar trotting through the forest,
and thereat lustily brayed. In terror,
the other animals stood back, expecting to see the rash temerity of the
donkey rewarded with a fearful and
sudden death, but the boar, not turning his head, trotted on.
ANTIQUARIAN.

Starving Genius.

Apropos of the subject of Edgar Allan Poe and his poor regultal in cash while living, the Richmond Times-Dispatch says "a poet, who has the sealing out of the poet of the poet of the sealing out of the sealing out of the poet of the sealing out of the sealing o Times-Dispatch says "a poet, who has the seeing eye if any man has, would hardly be tempted to compound with posterity for cash." Yet poor Henry Timred. South Carolina's greatest poet, when on the verge of starvation, wrote to his friend, Paul Hayne, "For \$100 cash in hand I would willingly chaign everything I have written to oblivion." Poets require bread to live on, like other people, and the prospects of getting a stone from posterity must impress their empty stomachs as a very insufficient substitute.—Macon Telegraph.

The North will welcome the day when the South, at last thinking intonally, takes up once more her share in the nation's large destiny. It is time for the Teaders of thought and action in the South to rid themselves or the traditional legal reasoning which defended so brilliantly but so disastrously the fancied interests of a period long gone by, and bring the policy of the South into harmony with her present needs and wast future possibilities.—Chicago Tribune.